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**EVENT: Sentencing**

**Defendant: Steve Safa**

**MAN CONVICTED OF PERJURY RECEIVES A 15-MONTH SENTENCE  
IN FEDERAL COURT**

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Today a Dearborn man convicted of committing perjury while testifying before a federal grand jury received a sentence of 15 months in prison in federal court in Detroit. Mahmoud Mustafa "Steve" SAFA, 39, was sentenced before United States District Judge Arthur A. Tarnow, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Judge Tarnow also imposed a fine of \$10,000.00 upon SAFA. The Court, in imposing sentence upon SAFA, recognized the strong need to deter others from committing perjury in federal proceedings.

SAFA was convicted of one count of perjury on October 17, 2005 after a week-long jury trial in federal court in Detroit. After SAFA's conviction United States Attorney Murphy issued a statement reiterating the importance of such prosecutions, and the fact that the expectation that witnesses who take an oath to testify truthfully will do so is a foundational underpinning to our system of justice. Murphy vowed to continue to prosecute such cases.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Counter-Terrorism Unit of the United States Attorney's Office. The case was tried by Assistant United States Attorney J. Michael Buckley.